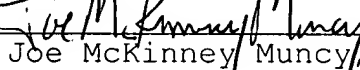


- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Applicant: Brian BRUUN et al. Conf.: 2451
Appl. No.: 09/720,468 Group: 3653
Filed: February 7, 2001 Examiner: D.K. SCHLAK
For: CONVEYOR SYSTEM WITH BUFR ARRANGEMENT

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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January 30, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 30, 2003 and the Supplemental Office Action of December 2, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes amendments to the specification; an amended claim set and remarks.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please add the following abstract:

A conveyor system and the operation of a conveyor system will convey articles such as baggage at airports. A buffer arrangement is provided for storing and pre-sorting at least a part of the article-flow through the system. A conveyor system for conveying and sorting articles for a number of different destinations may be operated with a much lower number of stations for discharging the articles if the possibility of pre-sorting and temporarily storing the articles exists within the system. In particular, a storage rack can be provided for storing articles and the conveyor system comprising such a storage rack.